

friends and all lovers of the drama in the State. His funeral was very largely attended.

Nov. 18.—The annual examination of the public schools of this city commenced, and resulted in showing that our educational institutions are in a high state of usefulness and efficiency.

Augustin Harazthy, late Melter and Refiner in the U. S. Branch Mint, indicted for the alleged embezzlement of \$251,000 from the Government, was arraigned in the U. S. Circuit Court on the 23d November. He waived the reading of the indictment, pleaded not guilty, and asked for a continuance of the case. He filed an affidavit, in which he stated, that time would be required to prepare himself for trial, as he would have to make out a full and complete account of his term of office; a work of intricacy and complication. He also averred that two important and material witnesses were absent, and he could not safely proceed to trial without them. On consideration, the case was continued by the Court until the third Monday in February, 1858, for trial.

Nov. 20.—On the night of this date, the building known as the Helvetia House, on Clay street, between Drumm and East, with several adjoining buildings, were destroyed by fire, the result of accident. Loss estimated at \$12,000.

Nov. 21.—The boy William Kelly, aged only ten years, but one of the most noted thieves in town, was convicted of grand larceny, and sent to the County Jail for sixty days. Had there been a House of Refuge in the county, he would have been sent there with his numerous accomplices.

An ordinance was passed by the Board of Supervisors, to suppress the sale of obscene books, papers, prints, etc.

Mr. F. Mahoney was re-elected President of the Board of Delegates of the San Francisco Fire Department. Term of service, one year.

Nov. 23.—The U. S. Branch Mint resumed operations, and notwithstanding the withdrawal by the United States of the "bullion fund," and the consequent inability to make prompt returns, the deposits came in as fast as usual. The deposits of gold during the first three days amounted to 25,517 ounces, equal to \$433,800.

Nov. 26—(Thursday)—was observed generally as a day of Thanksgiving. The stores and banking houses were all closed, and morning and evening services were performed at all the churches. There was a great demand in our markets for turkeys, and on Wednesday morning they sold readily at 40 cents per pound; but by Thursday, 11 o'clock in the morning, they commanded \$1 per pound, at which price a great many were sold.

The jury, in the case of Henry Bates, charged with plundering the State Treasury, failed to agree. Before the trial, some of the Sacramento papers openly charged that the jury was packed for that purpose.

Nov. 27.—The banking house of J. C. Palmer, formerly Palmer, Cook & Co., was closed by attachments sued out by J. H. Turney and M. G. Reed, for \$36,690. Reed was Palmer's book-keeper. On each suit attachments were issued and served. The bank was closed by the Sheriff, and the keys taken possession of by him.

Nov. 28.—Judge Hager, of the Fourth District Court, made a decree in the Adams & Co. case, ordering that \$50,000, in the hands of the Receiver, be distributed among the creditors, and that the Receiver proceed at once to settle up the estate by prosecuting pending suits to judgment, and by collecting and selling at auction all the bills receivable, notes, etc., belonging to Adams & Co. The decree was appealed from by the first attaching creditors.

The U. S. Circuit Court has decided that the steamers Cortes, Brother Jonathan, Uncle Sam and Pacific are the property of Cornelius Vanderbilt. Mr. Garrison, through his agents, appealed to the Supreme Court.

The average number of patients in the U. S. Marine Hospital, per month, for ten months, from January 1, to October 1, 1857, was 151—total number, 1,510; deaths during the same period, 45. The average monthly expenses of the Hospital are \$3,800.